

MPF says 'be ready'

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Do you have a will? Do you know how much Servicemen's Group Life Insurance you have? Do you know if you are signed up and paying for the proper amount? Do you even know who is designated as your beneficiary? Have you updated your DD Form 93, Record of Emergency Data, lately?

Unfortunately, many of us fail to maintain these extremely important documents. We remember to get our last decoration updated in the system because we may miss a promotion opportunity. However, we fail to ensure our parents' home address is accurate for casualty notification purposes.

Recently Charleston AFB experienced the death of one of its own. An active-duty Air Force member was killed in a motor vehicle accident. Immediately, the Base Casualty Assistance Representative pulled the member's DD Form 93 and reviewed it for next of kin information. Unfortunately, the member's spouse, who had passed away a few months prior, was still listed on the DD Form 93, causing a slight delay in notification to the individual's mother. The

individual's father's address was also inaccurate, delaying his notification as well.

The DD Form 93 also allows service members to identify beneficiaries for a \$6,000 death gratuity and any unpaid pay and allowances. This document allows you to choose who will receive these benefits. If you don't, the courts will. This form is the most important document in your file, and it is absolutely critical that it is kept up to date.

Another benefit we have is SGLI. Unfortunately, many AF members think they have \$200,000 worth of coverage but are only paying for \$100,000. Your loved ones will only receive the amount you are actually paying for, not the amount you signed up for. So, check your next Leave and Earnings Statement and ensure \$16 is deducted for \$200,000 of coverage, or if you have chosen, \$8 for \$100,000 worth of coverage.

Many members also fail to change beneficiaries when their personal situations change due to divorce or other significant life events.

The Military Personnel Flight stands ready to assist you. Please stop by and review these extremely critical documents.

Commissary news

George Rogers, former University of South Carolina Gamecock running back and 1980 Heisman Trophy winner, will visit the Charleston AFB Commissary Dec. 15, 10-11:30 a.m. Rogers will be signing autographs and will also have his Heisman Trophy on display.

Rogers was the first overall pick in the 1981 draft by the New Orleans Saints. He rushed for 1,674 yards and 13 touchdowns his rookie year.

In 1987 Rogers became a Washington Redskin and was the leading rusher for the Superbowl Champs.

He finished his NFL career with 7,176 rushing yards and 54 touchdowns.

In 1997, Rogers was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.



Commissary holiday hours:

Dec. 24, open 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Dec. 25, closed

Dec. 26, closed

Dec. 31, open 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Jan. 1, closed

Jan. 2, closed